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ANOTHER CRACKED SLATE... THE fragility of political states in this State is by no means confined to that political party which for many years has received its traditional inheritance at the polls.

THE FLOURISHING ORCHESTRA... THE increased total of Philadelphia Orchestra concerts planned for next season here is encouraging practical evidence of the appeal of good music in this community.

THE DIER INQUIRY... NEITHER the interests of the investing public nor the interests of the securities trade as a whole can be served by such limitations as legal injunction might put upon the inquiry which Edward E. Hoffman, as referee, is conducting into the managing circumstances of the E. D. Dier & Co. failure.

VERSATILE WELLS... IF THERE is anything in the writing line which H. G. Wells would refuse to undertake it has yet to be disclosed. With sublime audacity he has tackled almost every problem that has perplexed mankind and has set forth what he regards as a complete solution in every instance.

A JAPANESE ADVANCE GUARD... IT is traditionally consonant with Philadelphia traditions that the contributions made to the world by the Japanese should be among the first of foreign peoples to display a practical interest in the world fair of 1926.

and needs remaining from top to bottom. But it must be made in his way. There is a more cogent and a more effective social ill than a man more cocksure about so many contradictory theories.

A TARIFF THAT PRODUCES ONE TENTH OF THE REVENUE... When Internal Taxation is So Burdensome the Customs Dues at Least Should Be Fixed Scientifically.

DEFLATED RAIL RATES... RAILWAY executives and investors alike their first impulse they will object bitterly to the Interstate Commerce Commission's order for a general freight rate not averaging 10 per cent.

COMMÉMORATING THE STATE... AN exceptional opportunity for commemorating in permanent artistic form the valor of Pennsylvania on the battlefields of France is afforded the special commission of military leaders and World War veterans.

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FAKE SPIRIT MEDIUMS... A Leaf From an Experience in Which One of the Crooked Brotherhood Was Exposed—It Was the Coat Trick, Something Unusual.

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN... HARVEY M. WATTS is a disbeliever in the dogmas and dings of modern spiritualism.

ONCE, years ago, somewhere about 1885, I had the experience of Pittsburgh of exposing an impostor of the sort Dr. Watts referred to.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS! Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. CHARLES F. DAPP On Student Self-Government

STUDENT self-government is one of the few questions which is extremely needed, and its far-reaching possibilities are now being extensively utilized by the educational world, according to Dr. Charles F. Dapp, chairman of the Schools Vocational Committee.

A Student Supreme Court "In the school with which I myself am connected the school spirit has crystallized into a word or two from the student chattering to one who has forgotten himself usually has the desired effect. If not, the offender is summoned to appear before the Tribunal, the student Supreme Court, a body of five upper classmen elected by the students themselves. This Tribunal tries the offender and, if necessary, recommends suspension from school activities. So highly is this body respected and so well does it function that in two years, in a school of nearly 2500 students, it has had to resort to extreme measures only twice.

A Twofold Aim "Like all forms of government, student self-government has a twofold purpose; it aims to correct existing abuses and to make things a little more congenial for all concerned. Since the school is the training camp for citizenship, no sphere is better adapted than this to put into everyday practice the principles of self-government which are taught in the classroom. The experiment was tried under the old system of class promotion, and so admirably did the students measure up in the self to the common weal that it deserves the thoughtful attention of every parent and of every teacher and should be fostered in every school of the land."

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What was the original system of electing a Vice President of the United States? 2. Who were American Ambassadors to the World during the period of the World War? 3. How high is Mount Vesuvius? 4. Why is the famous statue the Venus di Medici? 5. What part did DORA play in the World War? 6. What is an unguent? 7. What are tundra? 8. Why is the morning rainbow believed to indicate? 9. Who was the first Secretary of Commerce of the United States? 10. Why did the morning rainbow believe to indicate?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. A colophon was a tail piece in old books, decorative device of the publisher placed on the title page. The expression "to put the colophon" means to give the finishing stroke, arose from the belief in ancient times that the cavalry of the Greek city of Colophon remained incomplete on the day that it always decided the contest. 2. The South Boston Terminus handles more passenger traffic than any other railway station in the United States—about 125,000 persons a day. 3. Colorado takes its name from the reddish color of many of the rocks in the State. The Spanish word "Colorado" means "burned red." 4. The "Comedia Humana" or "Human Comedy" is the name given to a series of novels by Balzac, the aim of which was to present a panorama of the entire life of France in the first half of the nineteenth century. 5. About 100 novels were written, the death of Balzac in 1850. 6. A corona is the crowlike appendage on the top of the head of a Phidias. 7. Charles A. Dana was a celebrated American journalist for many years editor-in-chief and proprietor of the New York Sun. He is an American author, especially noted for his sea classic, "Two Years Before the Mast." He died in 1882. 8. "To be out" means to contrive to make "livelihood" or to support (existence). Also it also an archaic adverb, meaning "Frankly." 9. The famous and faithful old friend "Mrs. T" is an old dog and ready money." 10. Napoleon was born in 1769 and died in 1821. Pousin was a noted French painter. He excelled in historical and religious scenes, all can be stars of the first magnitude. Student self-government is also a

powerful factor in the creation of that indefinable but effective something called "school spirit," without which no school can progress. Ninety-seven per cent of high school pupils are normal, sensible young people, and it follows that the overwhelming majority are men and does control the small minority within their ranks, just as surely as society controls the comparatively few persons who break the law of the land.

STUDENT self-government has been in operation in some of our higher institutions of learning where the students are more settled in their habits and more mature in their convictions. But this great educational potentiality is now being introduced into our high schools, both senior and junior, and even into the elementary schools. In the junior high schools, especially, student self-government has had a tremendous effect; namely, what to do with boys and girls in the period of adolescence.

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SHORT CUTS Time to dig up the old fly-swatter. They appear to have been Caraway seeds of disension. The world will now breathlessly watch Mrs. Zander's efforts to collect. Hard-boiled politicians profess to believe that the "woman bloc" will eventually be lobbed. Tammy is said to be considering Hyman for Governor of New York. For a consideration? It is now the President's unpleasant duty to navigate the Ship of State through the Straits of Dover. Our Consul at Antwerp reports an ivory famine in the Congo. We must therefore look to our Legislatures. Two thousand New York waiters threaten to strike June 1. This ought to boost the lunch basket business. "Americans discover fossils in Mongolia." Why travel so far? We have 'em at home. "See America first." There is no truth in the rumor that Ar Na Fu and Nao Sae Fu are leading a prohibition movement in China. Perhaps the reason Judge Lynch can't be caught and suppressed is that he is so busy nowadays jumping from one State to another. Brooklyn man has been discovered to have his heart, liver and spleen on the sides of his body. At that, his heart is in the right place. A San Quentin convict has invented a finger-print system which simplifies identification. Probably succeeded in disentangling the whirls in the whorls. Polygamy is declining in Zuluand because the cost of wives is too high for many tribesmen. Necessity and economy are great teachers of morality. One should not take too seriously the allegation that during a series of witticisms by former Vice President Marshall at a London dinner Ambassador Harvey preserved a sober face. When Chief Justice Taft goes to London in July English lawyers are expected to make him an honorary becher in the Middle Temple. Wasn't it something that this Judge Landis made Babe Ruth?

Max Warburg says Germany needs two and a half billion dollars to put her on her feet. Which suggests the thought that France's fear is that the moment she gets on her feet she'll tread on somebody's toes.

Chairman McCumber has not received the communication he expected from the President concerning the bonus; but members of the Senate Finance Committee, it is believed, have had an earful from the pitman.

Steernerson, of Minnesota, suggests an amendment of the Immigration Law exempting farmers immigrants from the 3 per cent duty. The Immigration Law as it stands has many imperfections, but it will be hard to persuade either labor or agriculture that the suggested amendment is either wise or beneficial.

The fact that the Fairbanks Association of Philadelphia is the possible beautification of the banks of the Schuylkill suggests, by a queer mental quirk, the fact that a tremendously big light, heat and power plant is now being erected on the River Jordan. It is only at the first glance, however, that the two facts appear unrelated. The Fairbanks Association, owns the Man, water-born and v. ter, progress in the rivers of the world. He sings songs in their praise, diverts them to his needs, provides the cost of their maintenance, and lures them with his manufactures and, who has made them as ugly as he knows how, begins to seriously consider ways of bringing back the beauty of which he is deprived them. The two news items mentioned in this journey, Jordan is the younger of the two streams with the agreeable journey yet to make. It has a hard road to travel.